

FEB 27 2003

PTO SB 30(10 2001)

Approved for use through 10/31/2002 OMB 0651-0031
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number.

**REQUEST
FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
TRANSMITTAL**

Address to:
Commissioner for Patents
Box RCE
Washington, DC 20231

Application Number	09 773,798
Filing Date	February 1, 2001
First Named Inventor	Douglas D. Coolbaugh, et al.
Art Unit	2814
Examiner Name	Dana Farahani
Attorney Docket Number	BUR920000143US1 (13890)

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application

Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

1. Submission required under 37 CFR §1.114

a. Previously submitted

i. Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR §1.116 previously filed on December 16, 2002
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).

ii. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____

iii. Other _____

b. Enclosed

i. Amendment/Reply iii. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
ii. Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) iv. Other Copy of Petition For Extension of Time

2. Miscellaneous

a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR §1.103(c) for a period of _____ months (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR §1.17(i) required)

b. Other _____

3. Fees The RCE fee under 37 CFR §1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR §1.114 when the RCE is filed.

a. The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 09-0456/IBM

i. RCE fee required under 37 CFR §1.17(e)
ii. Extension of time fee (37 CFR §§1.136 and 1.17)
iii. Other _____

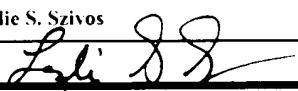
b. Check in the amount of \$ _____ enclosed

c. Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

WARNING: Information on this form may become public. Credit card information should not be included on this form. Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038.

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED

Name (Print / Type)	Leslie S. Szivos	Registration No. (Attorney / Agent)	39,394
---------------------	------------------	-------------------------------------	--------

Signature		Date	February 19, 2003
-----------	---	------	-------------------

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING OR TRANSMISSION

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner For Patents, Box RCE, Washington, DC 20231, or facsimile transmitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark

Name (Print / Type)	Mishelle Mustafa
---------------------	------------------

Signature		Date	February 19, 2003
-----------	---	------	-------------------

Burden Hour Statement: This form is estimated to take 0.2 hours to complete. Time will vary depending upon the needs of the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you are required to complete this form should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, Washington, DC 20231. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND FEES and Completed Forms to the following address: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Box RCE, Washington, DC 20231.

PATENTS



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): Douglas D. Coolbaugh, et al.

Examiner: Dana Farahani

Serial No: 09/773,798

Art Unit: 2814

Filed: February 1, 2001

Docket: BUR920000143US1(13890)

For: PASSIVATION FOR
IMPROVED BIPOLE YIELD

Dated: February 18, 2003

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
United States Patent and Trademark Office
Washington, D.C. 20231

RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Sir:

In connection with the filing of a request for continued examination, applicants submit the following amendments and remarks for consideration in response to the Examiner's comments in the Advisory Action, dated January 21, 2003, and entry of record in the above-identified patent application.

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.8(a)

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Assistant Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, Washington, D.C. 20231 on February 18, 2003.

Dated: February 18, 2003

Mishelle Mustafa